

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
FEBRUARY 2, 1994**

**RESPONSE BY EAST SIDE IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE TO COMMENTS MADE BY  
DENNIS COCHRAN AND REQUEST FOR CURB-SIDE PICKUP PROGRAM OF HOUSEHOLD  
DISCARDS**

Virginia Snyder, representing the East Side Improvement Committee, responded to a comment made by Dennis Cochran at the January 5, 1994 City Council meeting whereby he alluded that Ms. Snyder receives payment of some kind. Ms. Snyder reiterated that the Committee is accomplished by volunteers who donate their time, money and personal supplies and equipment, and no one receives any sort of payment. Ms. Snyder further requested that the City Council consider implementing a curb-side pickup program of household discards, such as old furniture and lumber, and suggested that the citizens of Lodi be polled to see if they would be interested in such a program and/or to put the matter on the June ballot. Ms. Snyder also requested that the City Council allocate funds from the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds for a lighting project on eastside alleys. Community Development Director Schroeder encouraged Ms. Snyder to contact Planner, Eric Veerkamp, for an application for CDBG funds.

FILE NO. CC-2(s) AND CC-55

February 2, 1994

TO: Lodi City Council  
FROM: Virginia Snyder, Eastside Improvement Committee  
RE: Requests for Council consideration

At the January 5 council meeting, Mr. Dennis Cochran alluded to some sort of payment to me. I've had several phone calls asking what he meant. I have no idea of what he was talking about, but I do want to make one thing perfectly clear; neither myself nor any member of the Eastside Improvement Committee receives any salary or gratuity for our work. Each of us donates the use of our homes, office supplies, telephone calls, computers, utilities, automobiles, gasoline, and many other items. Committee members juggle their jobs, families, and homes to donate many, many hours of their time to our work. No one connected with the Eastside Committee receives one dime for his or her efforts, and that's the way we want it. We have absolutely no intentions of putting anyone on salary. We are engaged in this effort because we are convinced we can make a difference in our community. We have a little over nine hundred dollars in our checking account which has all been donated by the citizens of Lodi. We're very frugal with those funds, they're strictly accounted for, and our financial reports are available to anyone who would care to examine them.

Tonight, I bring two items for council consideration.

1. We request that you study the feasibility of instituting a yearly curbside pickup of household discards such as old furniture, refrigerators, lumber, and such items. The eastside cleanup week last October made it clear that residents will clean up their trash when they have some way of disposing of it. Many people don't have trucks or other vehicles for hauling trash and we would like to see a city-wide program that includes almost anything except hazardous waste.

If a yearly cleanup would increase garbage rates, we hope it is possible for you to place the matter on the June ballot so the citizens of Lodi can decide whether they want such a service. If that isn't possible, perhaps a poll could be conducted with the mailing of utility bills.

We believe the city can benefit from such a cleanup in many ways: a reduction in breeding grounds for rats and roaches, elimination of safety hazards for children, an increase in property values and an increase in the number of eastside home buyers as the signs of creeping blight disappear. We respectfully request that you refer this proposal to staff for further study.

(Note: Kirk Evans has located \$43,000.00 in CDBG funds which belongs to the City of Lodi and is being held at the county level. I believe he said these funds are designated for a one-time project such as a cleanup.

Also, Kirk has some very creative and innovative ideas. One of them is the possibility of contracting for trash hauling with an organization which offers jobs to developmentally disabled individuals. Groups such as Goodwill and Salvation Army already have the insurance, drivers, and trucks to pick up the usable discards and haul the rest of the trash to the dump. If those groups could re-sell some of the discards, it would save space in the landfill, generate profits for the group, and cost less for the pickup. Kirk has the details.)

Item #2. It's an established fact that good lighting is a deterrent to crime. Since Lodi will receive over \$647,000.00 in the yearly distribution of block grant funds, we urgently request that you consider allocating from those funds a lighting project for eastside alleys. Many residents live in those alleys, street lighting is almost non-existent, and they are dark and dangerous places.

The darkness protects fugitives running from the police, drug dealers and their customers, street gangs who terrorize neighborhoods, and those thieves who steal everything that's loose--automobile batteries, hub caps, bicycles, lawn furniture, garden hoses, children's toys, you name it. We all know the residential area bounded by East Lockeford Street, Cherokee Lane, East Lodi Avenue and Stockton Streets is a high density/high crime area. Depending upon staff findings, this would seem the logical place to start.

After talking with Mr. Hans Hansen and Mr. Richard Prima of city staff, we've learned there is a possibility that dusk-to-dawn lighting could be installed in the alleys on existing utility poles. Mr. Prima estimates the cost of installing a light on an existing pole would be between three and four hundred dollars. If this idea is workable, the cost savings over installing new poles would be enormous and allow the city to install almost three hundred lights in eastside

We respectfully request that one hundred thousand dollars of CDBG funds be set aside for lighting eastside alleys. Also, we hope you will direct staff to develop a five-year plan for lighting eastside residential areas. Thank you for your time.

Copies mailed to: Kirk Evans  
Eric Veerkamp  
Hans Hansen  
Richard Prima



# CITY OF LODI

## COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

AGENDA TITLE: PURCHASE OF DIAL-A-RIDE VEHICLE

MEETING DATE: FEBRUARY 2, 1994

PREPARED BY: ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER

RECOMMENDED ACTION: That the City Council authorize the advertisement for a 1993 or 1994 4-door station wagon for the Dial-A-Ride fleet.

BACKGROUND: In December of 1993 vehicle #18, a Chevrolet Station Wagon was involved in an accident. The estimated cost of repair is \$3,200 - \$3,500 and this vehicle has 110,340 miles and is scheduled for replacement. Under normal circumstances we should purchase only vehicles that are wheelchair equipped. We are now preparing specifications for vans for Dial-A-Ride however those are not ready.

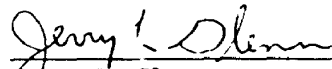
We must obtain a replacement vehicle as quickly as possible. We have checked with the Council of Governments (COG) to determine if they will approve our purchasing another station wagon. Based upon our needs and future plans, the suitability and availability of station wagons, and the fact we will not be diminishing our present capacity for carrying wheelchair bound persons, COG has indicated they will waive this requirement.

The bid opening is scheduled for February 15, 1994.

We have included in our FTA claim funds to replace this vehicle.

FUNDING: TDA

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Assistant City Manager

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APPROVED



THOMAS A. PETERSON  
City Manager



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